sons other than Chinese nationals would also be permitted the right of abode in Hong Kong under the provisions of the Declaration.

Regional Agreement on Nuclear Arms Race with Pakistan

640. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Foreign Minister during a recent Seminar (September-October, 1987) conducted by the Pakistan Institute of Strategic Studies had put forward a suggestion for some sort of a regional agreement between India and Pakistan for arresting a nuclear arms race in this region;

(b) if so, what was the precise suggestion made by the Pak Foreign Minister; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The then Pakistan Foreign Minister made some suggestions of a bilateral and regional nature on the issue of the proliferation of nuclear weapons in South-Asia. His statement found wide publicity in our Press of the 2nd September, 1987.

(c) Government are of the view that there can be no bilateral or regional solution to the dangers of nuclear proliferation This is a global issue which can be only tackled globally. Moreover, the statement goes ill with Pakistan's single-minded drive to acquire nuclear weapons.

Supply of U.S. Missiles to Pakistan

641. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest U.S. decision to supply more A.I.M. 9 L Side winder missiles and submarine-launched Harpoon missiles to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up this matter with the U S.; and

(c) how does the latest supply to Pak affect our defence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have conveyed to the US Administration that the supply of sophisticated arms to Pakistan compels India to divert scarce resources from development to defence and leads to an unnecessary arms race in the subcontinent.

(c) India's defence preparedness remains high to face any threat to her security.

Agreement with U.S. for Transfer of Technology for LCA Project

642. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI S S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India have entered into an agreement with the U.S. to